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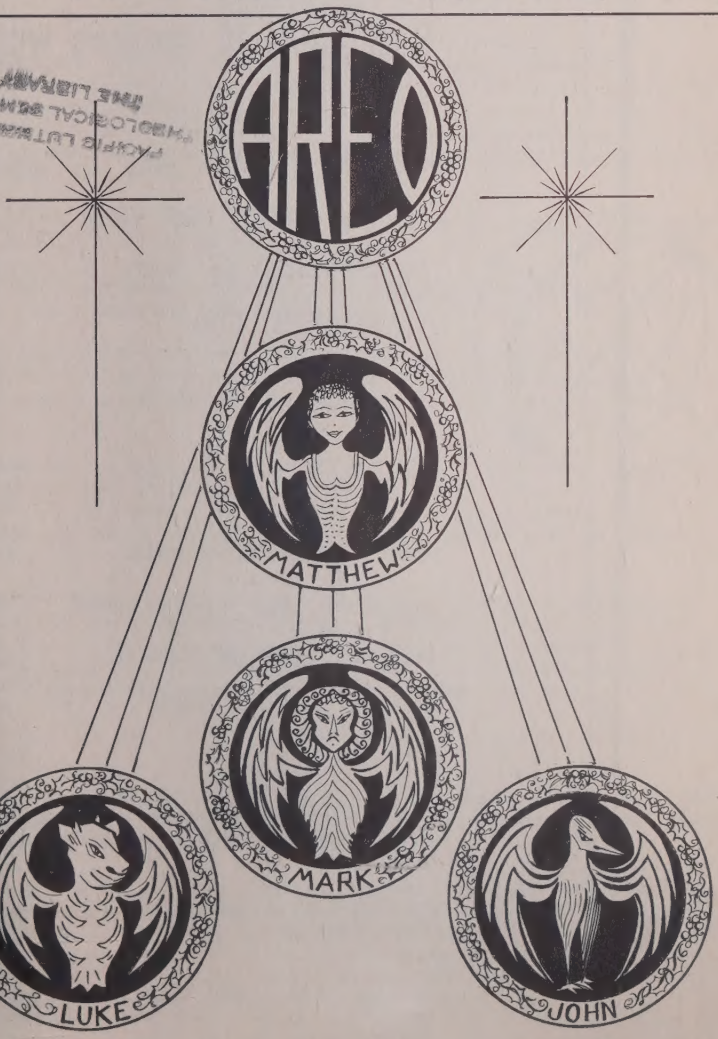

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

FOREIGN

ONGRESSMAN REPORTS ON MOSCOW VISIT. Representative Brooks Hays(D.Ark), ent of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, president of the an Baptist Convention, arrived in Moscow last April 17th. They were met at the air- Dr. Jakov Zhidkov, president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians. The nces they had while there were fully reported on by the congressman; certain aspects eport are here given: -

ious groups in Russia need more church buildings because the number of worshippers eeds the present capacity of their meeting places.

ssia, all buildings are owned by the government, and, in order to have a place to wor- arters must be rented from a government agency.

oviet has a monopoly on education and absolutely prohibits any religious instruction, it be by the family within its own home. A terrible shortage of reading material is ; and altho literacy is quite apparent, the people can only hunger for good reading il.

ious freedom does not exist in Russia in the same terms as experienced in the U.S., sian Baptists feel they have far more liberty today, than in the days of the Czars, ey were terribly persecuted by the Russian Orthodox Church and suffered great ss and exiles and 'official kidnapping' of their children that they might be raised in ox orphanages.

an Baptists are studying a plan to ordain women to the ministry to meet an acute e of pastors. This would constitute a 'revolution' in the status of women in Russia, Russian Orthodox Church never permitted women to play a role in church affairs. ys said: 'Women in Russia do the heavy work. You see them laying bricks and dig- nches, but only rarely are they encountered in professional positions'.

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NIA HAS 'CHURCH-STATE' RELATIONSHIP. The Churches and Synagogues in this have an arrangement with the government, whereby they receive certain privileges rn for a clear-cut obligation toward the government.

thodox Patriarch of Rumania, the Lutheran Bishop, the Chief Rabbi and the leading an all have seats in Parliament and must serve as active backers of the government, home and also abroad. In keeping with this, they are called upon to issue 'statements', attacking the West or 'blessing' the peace campaign of their government. As reported close to the scene: any,who wish to exist in harmony with the State and its laws, may l the privileges they find necessary and that are available.

dent, reported in this publication some months ago, was evidence of this. The burial of

the late president of Rumania, Petru Groza. At his funeral, not only an official Orthodo service was performed, but also one by the Communist Party, along with prayers by six the other religious bodies; namely: - Lutheran, Calvinist, Unitarian, Catholic, Jewish ar Moslem.

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BULGARIAN CLERGYMEN AGAINST POLITICAL SERMONS. Orthodox clergy in Cor munist Bulgaria were issued a warning to this effect in a joint letter signed by Patriarc Cyril and nine other bishops. It was published in Tserkoven Vestnik (Church Herald), t official organ of the Bulgarian Patriarchate.

Bulgarian sources said the letter was aimed primarily at parish priests who have eithe publicly criticised Communist policies, or failed to give them adequate support in area where Church influence is particularly strong.

Patriarch Cyril's letter stressed that the clergy should support the government's coope ative efforts 'in spirit and by deeds according to their strength'. He added that 'Bulgari law enforced criminal responsibility for the misuse of church and religion for political purposes'.

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BULGARIAN CHURCH PRAISES SOVIET NUCLEAR TEST STAND. Sofia Radio bro cast a statement of the Holy Synod of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, in which strong praise had been given the Soviet on its 'unilateral cessation of nuclear tests'.

In its statement, the Bulgarian Church urged church leaders in the U.S. and Britain to 'support with all their might the Soviet initiative for the banning of nuclear weapons pro duction....'.

- Apparently the letter published in 'Tserkoven Vestnik'(see news item above) did not apply to the Synod's 'preachings'. A case of 'do what I say, not what you see me do'

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RECORD ATTENDANCE AT ORTHODOX EASTER RITES IN MOSCOW. Easter rite attracted the largest attendance in years, despite anti-religious propaganda denouncing traditional festival.

In Moscow, police reserves had to be called out to handle the huge crowds that jammed the Elokhovsky Cathedral for the midnite service, which was conducted by Patriarch Al Members of the diplomatic corps in Moscow occupied a special box. These included the U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson, Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, and a large cont gent of American and foreign press correspondents.

The Orthodox Churches were not alone in celebrating Easter, according to traditional da as the Russian Baptists also observe the same date for Easter. They held overflow ser at their worship center in Moscow, also.

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ORTHODOX 'PEOPLE'S' MAGAZINE ISSUED IN YUGOSLAVIA. The first magazine designed for the general public's reading, since Yugoslavia became Communist after th last war, has just appeared on the newstands in Belgrade.

Called the 'Orthodox Missionary', it is actually a supplement to the monthly 'Herald',wh is the official organ of the Serbian Patriarchate. 5,000 copies of the new publication we placed out for sale. Church officials expressed confidence that it would soon have the la

ation of any religious publication in Yugoslavia.

rch Vikentije announced that 'it will lecture on and interpret religious truths of the lox Church and its religious regulations to the broad masses of the faithful'.

d in booklet form, the first issue carried several popular articles on religion, poems ories of religious tenor. It also contained pedagogical lectures and reports from n countries. Among the latter, was a detailed report on the state of religion in the U.S.

ne Orthodox Priests Ass'n. also publishes two other magazines; before the war, how- ver, the Church issued some 20 magazines and newspapers. - ED.

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OLIC ARCHBISHOP PERMITS MIXED MARRIAGES AT HIGH ALTAR. Roman ic Archbishop John C. Heenan of Liverpool, England, has instructed his clergy that ages between a Catholic and non-Catholic may now take place at the high altar in a church. He said the organ may be played, but no candles may be lighted on the altar.

rchbishop explained that in the past only 'minimum ceremonials' might be used for marriages; and even they must be performed in the sacristy. He said the time for urch to overcome its 'furtive manner' in dealing with this type of marriage should e away with.

rchbishop said the Church had always dealt with this 'mixed-marriage' problem in ive manner as though the Church were ashamed of it'. He said this approach must e away with. (Note: in the past, mixed marriages have always taken place in the ty, with a minimum of ceremonial; or, sometimes, at a side altar. - ED.)

trid, Spain, in the meantime, an article was drafted by a parliamentary committee vide that when any non-Catholic engages in marriage it(i.e.- the marriage) shall ke place in a civil ceremony, unless one party to the marriage is a Catholic; in case, the civil marriage shall be a 'supplement' to the canonical requirement of rch-endorsed union. It specified further that no Catholic may be married by any uthority, even if they wish it; all Catholics being forbidden to marry outside the n canon. In this, any Catholic who has become a Protestant, shall still be considered ng a Catholic.

Mixed-marriages' truly make me mixed-up, I theenk.

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VESE WELCOME ARRIVAL OF GREEK ROYALTY.
aul and Queen Frederika of Greece disembarked from the warship 'Helli' at the Beirut, Lebanon, for a short State visit. Accompanying them were Greek govern- fficials, as well as Princess Sophia.

nly about 2,000 Greek subjects reside in Lebanon, the country has many Orthodox nts; which is, of course, the Faith of the Royal Family.

banon government afforded the visiting sovereign a warm welcome; altho some ten criticism was directed at Greeks in general by the Turkish Information Office ut; for which, the Lebanese government demanded an apology.

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PAUL'S PERMISSION REQUESTED TO ACQUIRE A STONE FROM MARS HILL.
ound stone from Mars Hill in Athens, Greece, where St. Paul preached his famous ser- the Athenians on the 'Unknown God', was the subject of a written request from Father

George Papadeas, Hempstead, L.I., N.Y.

The King gave his permission, in keeping with the parallel approval of the Prime Minist and the priest made the long trip to Greece to bring back the stone.

The two-foot stone, reputed to be a relic of the original boulder on which the apostle hac walked, will be placed in the cornerstone of the new St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church Hempstead, L.I., N.Y.

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THIEVES STEAL ROOF FROM SERBIAN MONASTERY. Most of the lead and tin pla were removed from the roof of the 14th century monastery in Pec. Pec is located near Albanian border in South Serbia.

The robbery was apparently carried out by the same thieves who stripped a portion of th roof six months ago. Signs indicate that the theft was done under cover of darkness, wit the use of ladders.

Officials were particularly concerned because inclement weather threatens the life of th valuable frescoes within the monastery. Some appeared to have already been damaged heavy spring rains.

- Pec was formerly the seat of the Serbian Orthodox Patriarchate. The monastery is noted for its frescoes and priceless works dating from the Middle Ages. - ED.

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IRISH BISHOP ATTACKS GAMBLING. Roman Catholic Bishop Cornelius Lucey of Co Ireland, delivered a scathing address at Ovens, near Skibbereen, about the evils of gaml ling. He assailed both lotteries and races, whether sponsored by the Church or State.

The bishop stated that gambling can become a passion and 'regularly leads to crookedne and injustice'.

'literally millions....are spent on gambling every year', not only at dog tracks or race courses, but on Sunday newspaper 'crossword' competitions and various draws and swe so spake the prelate.

'People promote it under the most sanctimonious guises. For instance, you will be aske to join a weekly draw or pool to help some church project, the missions or hospitals. C course, not more than three pence of your weekly shilling is likely to reach the cause fc which it is solicited. But, because you are religious or charitable you are asked to sub- scribe from the motive likely to appeal to you'.

The bishop concluded: 'My advice to you is to join no pool or drawing. Either give the money outright for a charitable cause or keep it in your pocket'.

- The bishop has given an outstanding example for all bishops and clergy to follow. H should be invited to New York to give a similar address. Responsible authority tel that thousands of Irish children are being trained into the daily routine of selling chances for church and other drawings. The famed Irish Sweepstakes actually turn over only 15% of the gross to the 'worthy' hospital use it is solicited for. One grou has termed Ireland as being a 'bookie's paradise'. - ED.

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND GROUP URGES ADOPTION OF BIRTH CONTROL. A gr of some 19 theologians and sociologists, appointed at the behest of the Archbishop of Ca bury, recommended that all religious opposition be dropped against birth control.

Canon Warren, chairman of the panel, who is general secretary of the Church Missiona

y, caused the report to be published in book form. Covering some 200 pages, the book lished by SPCK (Society for Promotion Christian Knowledge) under the title of 'The y in Contemporary Society'.

ief argument was digested: 'The more we understand of our procreative powers,the responsible we are for the way in which we use them.....If our conscience will not te, when we know how to prevent it, a torrent of infant deaths, no more should we, e knowledge we have, encourage an ungoverned spate of unwanted births'.

the U.S., meanwhile, a Dr. Doyle, Catholic, of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston,Mass., scribed a process of birth control that he said had already received approval from rchbishop Cushing of Boston. The test, which has been widely reported on in the public press, is based on a fertility test method. Dr. Doyle said final approval would have come from the Vatican.

eaking before the 5th Annual Conference on Natural Law, sponsored by the Guild of atholic Lawyers of N.Y., Father William J. Gibbons, lecturer at Fordham Univ., said e Catholic Church was not opposed to 'assisted insemination', but was opposed to y birth control measures, other than those of the so-called 'rhythm system'.

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OLIC THEOLOGIANS UPHOLD USE OF ATOMIC WEAPONS IN WARFARE. Seven nent West German Roman Catholic theologians issued a joint, ten-point declaration up- the right of any State to use atomic weapons, if deemed essential for defense.

end Fathers Alfons Auer and Heinz Fleckenstein of Wuerzburg; Richard Egenter and us Monzel of Munich; Johannes Hirschmann of Frankfurt; Joseph Hoeffner of Muenster; erhard Welty of Walderberg. All occupy chairs of moral theology.

ing indirectly, in their statement, to the anti-atomic armament campaign conducted by cial Democratic Party (SPD), the theologians said it was contrary to the moral fundas of democracy for minority groups to misuse the people's fear of modern weapons. iests explained that such minority groups, even though they might claim better knowof facts, have better insight, and a greater feeling of responsibility, were acting wrongly mpting to put the State under pressure and hinder the lawful function of what the State t right.

New York City, during a Civil Defense air raid drill, a number of people refused to e shelter. Among them were five Roman Catholics, including Miss Dorothy Day (the blisher of the 'Catholic Worker') and two of her editorial staff. A spokesman for the oup stated that they were all willing to go to jail, but were opposed to air-raid drills ecause they are a method of preparation for war' and 'there is no defense against clear weapons except a cessation of war'. A 30-day sentence was suspended.

eaking on self-defense, an observer said that when the soldiers sought to arrest sus, in Gethsemane, that Peter struck off the ear of one of the approaching group. witnessing this, Jesus reprimanded Peter, saying: 'Put up again thy sword....for all ey that take the sword shall perish with the sword'.(S.Matt.26:52)

cording to the European theologians, the minority Roman Catholic groups in New rk were wrong in attempting to 'put the State under pressure'. According to the rds of Jesus, the theologians are wrong. The question of who is right rests on the nscience of Mankind. - ED.

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RUSSIANS SETTLING IN BRAZIL. A group of 72 White Russians, who have n China since 1919, are on their way, at last, to new homes in Brazil. An additional he Russian agricultural workers, belonging to the religious sect, known as the 'old rs', are traveling from Hong Kong by ship to Brazil. Here they will be united with

the first group and will be transported to a 6,000 acre tract of land in the State of Parana

Transportation for the 493 was arranged by the Intergovernmental Committee for Europe Migration. The Church World Service (relief agency of the Nat'l. Council of Churches) ha provided essential supplies for the new colony. The World Council of Churches donated th 6,000 acre tract.

Still in Hong Kong are 460 more of these 'old believers', for whom transportation financi is being sought by the ICEM.

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MORE PRIESTS NEEDED IN BRAZIL. A leading member of Brazil's Roman Catholic hierarchy stressed the need of many more priests in order to cope with the 'steady influ of Protestant missionaries.

Archbishop Alberto Gaudencio Ramos of Belem, Para, said there was also an 'alarming' growth of spiritualism among his native Brazilians. He itemized that while 93% of the m than 60 million population are nominal Catholics, the Protestants have 1,741,430 and the Spiritualists have 825,553. These figures, he indicated, were from official census results

The prelate indicated that there is only one priest to each 7,000 inhabitants and that this was one of the reasons for the growth of the competing religions. 'We have only about 9,000 priests in Brazil, whereas we need at least five times that number.....Protestant missionaries have millions of dollars at their disposal.....and work thru teams of minist doctors, nurses and helpers equipped with expensive river boats.....' The Archbishop al emphasized that the success of the missionaries was partly due to 'the religious ignoran that prevails among large numbers of the Brazilian Catholics'. He was asked why such ignorance prevailed, after 400 years of Catholic jurisdiction. His answer was: 'lack of th proper number of priests'.

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USE OF CHURCHES, IN GREEK ELECTION, FOR POLLING STATIONS FORBIDDE An order issued by the Ministry of the Interior forbade the use of Greek Orthodox Churc as polling stations in the May 11th general elections.

The order was issued in response to protests by the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church i Greece against 'using the House of God for purposes other than that for which it was inte

Up till now, churches have served as polling centers during elections. Since elections alw take place on Sunday, the practice has interfered with the holding of religious services.

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BIBLE SUBJECTS APPEAR ON POSTAGE STAMPS IN ISRAEL. The constant use of stories, symbols, and events from the Bible have found themselves featured on postage stamps thruout the ten year history of modern Israel. The reason is to stress the traditi and past of ancient Israel.

One of the most unusual of these Bible stamps is the series displaying musical instrum mentioned in the Bible. The long silver trumpet of Moses; the ram's horn or 'shofar'; t 'kinnor' or lyre; the various types of timbrels; the zither; and the bottle-shaped harp of prophets are all featured.

In another series of designs, the dove of Noah, with an olive-branch in its beak; the hex agram of the Shield of David; the seven-branch candelabrum of the Tabernacle; the sym bols of the Twelve Tribes are set forth. Pictorially, the 'spies' of Moses, returning fro the 'land of milk and honey' are also shown on a stamp. A series of Bible Land scenery

e the headwaters of the River Jordan, the wilderness of the Negev, and the Sea of e.

he Israel Post Office has some 40,000 permanent subscribers for all its new amp issues. - ED.

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LAND MOVIES BEING FILMED. Five motion pictures depicting life in the and are being filmed in Israel by Family Films, Inc., in cooperation with the casting and Film Commission of the Nat'l. Council of Churches.

lms will show the nomadic life that has had relatively little change since Bible locations in and around Nazareth; features of Jerusalem mentioned in Scripture; ography and archeology of Palestine.

hen completed, the films will be made available to any church desiring to show em to their educational classes in Bible or religion. - ED.

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PPINE CATHOLICS WARNED AGAINST SUPPORTING YMCA. Roman Catholic shop Jose Maria Cuenco of Jaro served notice that, after May 31st, Catholics in his e who support the YMCA will incur excommunication.

l the same penalty will be incurred also in the cases of those who attend Protestant s of universities, or send their children to them.

chbishop's warning came in the wake of reports that Silliman University and the l Philippine University, both Protestant institutions in the Visayan Islands where o archdiocese is located, are attracting more Catholic students. The universities asses early in June.

America, Roman Catholic Archbishop R.J. Cushing of Boston, Mass., said, in addressing 700 guests at a $25 a plate dinner, celebrating the 150th anniversary of that archocese: 'Catholics should work together with people of all faiths for the common good' d for respect of religious liberties. 'To impress others with the beauty of our lives', e prelate said, 'we should set a Christ-like example'..... 'one of our great missions to love one another'.

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AN CHURCH SIGNS SOCIAL INSURANCE PACT WITH YUGOSLAV GOV'T. l insurance agreement, entitling Serbian Orthodox clergy and Church officials to lth service and pensions, was signed in Belgrade by Patriarch Vikentije and governfficials.

the first agreement of its kind to be applied to any religious community in Yugo- The insurance is the same as that provided to government employees.

reement, which is retroactive to the first of this year, entitles the clergy to these s when they are ill, old, or retired. In addition, after their death, the same benefits given to their dependents.

ill represent a substantial aid to these clergy, as the government had deprived the of much of its former estates and thereby reduced their pre-war incomes. This nts a partial restoration.

CHINESE CATHOLIC CHURCH ELECTS ADDITIONAL BISHOPS. Two more bishops, plus a Vicar-general have been recently elected by the Association of Chinese Catholics. The Association explained its action: 'the Catholic Church in China must elect and consecrate its own bishops without the Vatican's confirmation'.

The elected hierarchs were: Father Wang Shou-chien, Bishop of Yungnien diocese; Fathe Shen Chuming, Bishop of Soochow, in Kiangsu province; Father Chou Ching-yung, Vicar-general of Yungnien. The election was reported in the 'New China Daily News, Nanking.

● Similar National movements are taking place, not only in 'satellite' countries, but also in countries, such as Brazil. - ED.

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MOSCOW REPORTS 40,000 CHURCHES IN USSR. Russian Orthodox Churches in the U.S.S.R. presently number over 22,000; other denominations total 18,000. This is according to a report broadcast by Moscow Radio.

The station commented that : 'there are actually as many churches as are needed in the country'. It said there is one synagogue in Moscow and also 'some in other cities'.

In another broadcast, the station gave a reply to American listeners, who, it said, 'wante to know about atheism' in the USSR.: 'It is true that atheism is inseparable from Commu ism and members of the Komsomol must observe the rules of socialist society and comba religious superstition.....on the other hand, believers are not persecuted, altho the Communist philosophy of Marxism-Leninism does not believe in a Supreme Being'.

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Y COLONEL 'ORDERS' ESTABLISHMENT OF 'PATRON SAINT' FOR INFANTRY.

el J.T. Corley, commanding officer of the Ranger School, Fort Benning, Ga., issued a r Order, dated last January 10th, in which he directed the establishment of a project to t in the installing of a patron saint for the infantry, along with leaflets, medals, scrolls, rection of a statue.

olonel directed that the project's formal inauguration be scheduled for May 7th, 1958. it time, St. Maurice would be presented as the patron saint of the infantry. In his words: et-size leaflets will be distributed to all infantrymen and an appropriate scroll will be ned for presentation to V.I.P.'s(Very Important Persons) visiting the Infantry School'. ded: 'Medals for general distribution will be stocked in the book department, U.S.A. ry School. The statue will be erected on a prominent location at Fort Benning, and a e kit of all materials will be forwarded to Infantry Division Commanders army-wide'.

ance the project, Colonel Corley demanded money to be taken from the Central Post of Fort Benning.(Note: This Fund comes from profits in the operation of the Post nge and is designated solely for the welfare and recreation of the men at the School) olonel, who is president of the Post's Holy Name Society, said $2300 would do the

laints,forwarded to President Eisenhower and the Chief of Chaplains in Washington, n-Catholics, brought a halt to the proceeding overnite. The Colonel, not to be thwarted, d thru a $500 allotment from the Post Fund to pay for the already printed leaflets and scrolls. In addition he called on all Catholics to contribute the necessary $800 to buy ue.

Chief of Chaplains, Maj.Gen.Patrick J. Ryan (Roman Catholic), said the project had tely nothing to do with the Chaplain Corps and was purely a lay project.

s of the Saint are being placed on sale at the PX and will be sold 'in the same way as ock of campaign ribbons', said a Post official.

March, a medal of St. Christopher, patron of all 'sputniks', was placed in the 2nd age of the Vanguard rocket, which launched one of the baby moons from Cape Canav- al, Fla. An engineer for the Martin Co., F.Paul Lipinski (Roman Catholic) was the iginator of the idea.

hen superstition takes the place of sound Faith and Reason, especially among those the scientific world and of military authority, it becomes understandable why prob- ms and technical failures arise in our National Life It also shows why friction and isunderstandings arise between sectarian groups. - ED.

ie Navy Dep't. announced, in keeping with the placing of religious medals in missiles or stellites, that hereafter such departures from universal scientific procedure will not be owed. The Dep't. added that the incident that took place was without its knowledge or nction.

CRIME & DELINQUENCY : - 1957. J. Edgar Hoover, FBI, released the Annual Publi- cation 'Uniform Crime Reports' for 1957. A new high was therein recorded with a total o 2,796,400 crimes known to police. This represents an increase of 9.1% over 1956.

Arrests of Juveniles totaled 253,818; representing about 1 in every 8 arrests.(Note: Juveni include those of 17 years and younger). Arrests of those under 25 years made up one thir all arrests.

The largest category of crime was that of burglary and theft.....less than half of all stole goods were recovered. 6,920 individuals met violent deaths; 21,080 females were raped; assaults with deadly weapons totaled over 100,000.

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SENATE COUNSEL ADDRESSES GREEK CHURCH. Mr. Peter N. Chumbris, Counsel for the Minority, U.S. Senate Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee and former Counsel for the U.S. Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee was the featured speaker before th GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Newark, N.J. on May 4th.

Mr. Chumbris, who has had considerable contact with aspects of the problems of Youth, spoke on 'The Church and the Community, Its role in rearing Youth'. The heart of his address was the concept that the Church and local Community have not fully realized the extent of their responsibility and obligation in the rearing and training of the youth. That, aside from the home and family, the Church can do more to weld character and develop abilities of their youth than nearly any other channel in the social structure.

- Mr. Chumbris has also served in varying capacities in the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Bar Ass'n., The Lay-Clergy Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, the Pan Arcadian Federation, and the Order of Ahepa. - ED.

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700 HAMMOND ORGANS DONATED TO OHIO CHURCHES. As mentioned in this publication (February,1958), philanthropist Claud Foster of Cleveland, Ohio, had origin- ally extended an offer to poor Ohio Churches of his willingness to give them a spinet- model electric organ. Since the original offer, he has received a total of 1,200 appeals from Ohio Churches, as well as hundreds from out-of-state.

As his intent was to give them on a first-come, first-served basis, his financial means were prevented from filling all requests. However, his original offer of 500 organs was expanded to include a total of 700. The churches selected, some dozen denominations included, are to receive their organ shortly. Installations will take place at the rate of 15 a week.

The organs were all purchased personally by Mr. Foster, 85 years of age, and each bears a small brass plaque, inscribed: :God-given thru Claud Foster. The octogenarian believes that God is his 'silent partner' in the venture. In 1957, Mr. Foster became ill and promised he would do something 'in the Lord's service', if he recovered. The gift of the organs are the fulfillment of that promise.

- And may God continue to bless Mr. Foster with good health. - ED.

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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST TRAIN 'CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS . Adventist me object only to the 'bearing of arms'; they willingly enter the armed forces when called a believe that as 'medics' they can best serve their country while maintaining religious co victions. In this line, they have had many individuals who have won high awards for brav

In order to prepare draft-age Adventist men to move quickly into medical duty, when cal the Church has established a Medical Cadet Corps training program. Approved by the U

ıy, the course will be held this year at Grand Ledge, Michigan, near Lansing, from June to 17th. The youth pay for this training, even though it is administered by the Church.

as explained,that this effort on the part of the Church and its youth,was in appreciation ıe government for its consideration in understanding the religious principles of the entist Church. The Adventist believing that, as Christians, they are doing their duty,in fashion, in preparing themselves for more competent national service.

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LISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH CONSIDERING USE OF ENGLISH. A strong ement in the Polish National Catholic Church is underway to have one of the Masses ı Sunday rendered in the English language. It is anticipated that this will be one of the es brought before the Synod itself, when it convenes in Chicago,Ill., July lst to 4th,1958.

ne the clergy of the Church explained: 'We find there are many people outside the sh group who are interested in a national Catholic Church (for America). The only ; that holds us back is that the liturgy is in the Polish tongue. It is a nationalistic bar-.....by introducing the English Mass, we would not destroy Polish nationalism.....but English-speaking people need to worship in a language understandable to them'.

Polish National Catholic Church's formation, according to a spokesman, was caused ertain Polish immigrants resentment at 'autocratic methods' of parish administration; conomic controversy over title to church properties; desire for Polish liturgy; opposi- to the dogma of papal infallibility; a wish to have a married clergy; a desire to have ch policy determined in a democratic assembly, which would include both laymen and gy.

headquarters in Scranton, Penna. the Church has a following of some 260,000 people. withdrawal movement of this group from Roman Catholicism in 1897 was sparked by irst bishop, the late Francis Hodur.

The use of the vernacular of the country, in which a Church exists, is part of ancient tradition of the original, primitive Apostolic Catholic Church. America is destined to eventually have not only a National Catholic Church, but also a National Eastern Orth- odox Church - both of which bodies will be separate from all European contacts or controls. - ED.

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'ANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF INDIANAPOLIS HAS 9th ANNIVERSARY. The ch of Sts. Constantine and Helen(Elena) is observing its 9th Anniversary, of the new ch, on Sunday May 25th with special church services and banquet. The church has e great progress under its pastor, the Rev.Father Paul Craciun, Jr.

Grace, Bishop Valerian, is also making his Canonical Visitation to the same church .e week-end of June 14-15, at which time he will celebrate the Liturgy and also meet the various church groups to discuss plans for the future, as well as current problems.

ANGLICAN-ORTHODOX RELATIONS: Of special interest to the American religious world was the fact that this same priest, Rev.Father Craciun,Jr., last February 23rd, opened the doors of his church to the establishment therein of 'St.John's Mission'. The 'Mission', an Episcopalian endeavor, under the direction of Rev.Fr.A.C.Rountree,Jr., is the first case where Episcopalians have held services in an Orthodox Church: the Rt.Rev. R.A. Kirchhoffer, Bishop of Indianapolis, officiated at the first service of the offering of Holy Communion. The 'Mission' is expected to eventually build their own church; until then, however, they will continue their Services in the Orthodox church. - ED.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS WALK-OUT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL. About 150 students of the Bloomfield and Glen Ridge High Schools (N.J.) walked out of classes in order to atte a 'retreat' at Sacred Heart Church of Bloomfield.

Msgr. T.F. Burke, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, said the retreat was scheduled for the afternoons of May 13th and 14th (leading up into Ascension Thursday observances). He said the retreat would serve as an 'antidote' for 'juvenile delinquency'. Accordingly he ordered parents to instruct their children to leave public school classes, against Board of Educatio rulings to the contrary, and attend the 'retreat'.

The presidents of the Bloomfield and Glen Ridge Boards of Education expressed 'shock' at what they called the church's 'lack of respect for any authority'. It was felt that the clergyman's 'antidote for delinquency' was a form of building delinquency thru encouraging insubordination in the youth towards legally constituted authority.

George B. Welle, Bloomfield board president, said: 'I just can't believe any group dedicated to the teaching of religious principles and a moral code would instruct its members to defy regulations of a legally instituted body'.

A priest, who was questioned, was asked why the 'retreat' couldn't be held after school hours. He answered that this would make it 'voluntary attendance' and at 'voluntary attendance' only 50% could be expected; and by ordering students from the schools, they could get closer to 100% attendance.

- The 'New World', official publication of the Chicago,Ill. Roman Catholic Archdiocese, in commenting recently on the 'secular atmosphere' in the public schools, said that the public school system is the private preserve of Protestant denominations. The Rev W.F. Graney, ass't editor of New World, signed the complete statement. - ED.

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CLERGYMAN WITHHOLDS TAXES, PROTESTS MILITARY EXPENDITURES. For the fourth consecutive year, a Presbyterian clergyman refused to pay the major part of his Federal Income Tax. Taxes, which are, he claims, used for military purposes.

The Reverend Richard Stenhouse, associate pastor of Harlem's Church of the Master,N.Y. made the announcement as he was ordered by the Internal Revenue Service to complete pay ment of his 1955-56 taxes.

The minister said he pays only about 20% of his Federal Taxes. The balance of the tax due he contributes to charities and organizations engaged in non-military programs for peace. He stated that no person should be required by the State to do what is against his religious conscience.

'When the peace and very survival of mankind is at stake, as it is now, the policy of the government in spending eight times more for war and preparation for war than it does for all other functions of government combined, including health and welfare, is sheer foolishness,' said Rev. Stenhouse. 'The time has come when responsible clergymen must join in a common protest against the government's present suicidal policy of reliance on military might'.

- The American Friends Service Committee (Quakers),some time back, released facts that 3 of every 4 dollars collected in Federal Taxes go to pay military expenses for present or past purposes, including war. 67.3% of every $1 is a direct appropriation for 'military might'. Debts for past wars, plus veterans' benefits, accounts for another 8.0¢ of each $1. Thus a total of 75.3% of every tax dollar is accounted for. The Air Force receives 28.5¢, the Navy gets 17.1¢, the Army receives 12.9¢, AEC has 3.8¢, Foreign Aid comes to 3.5¢. On the other side, housing-labor-health-education-social security together get only 5.7¢. - ED.

Y CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX SEMINARY TO ISSUE YEARBOOK. The gradu- class of 1958 of the Brookline, Mass., Theological School has undertaken to publish arbook. This will be the first time such a project has been attempted.

stated purpose of the project is to further the recognition of the School thruout the and elsewhere and to present the purpose of the Seminary to the general public. The cation will be sent to all Greek Communities and to many libraries. The cost of the ing is being largely borne by contributions and sale of 'advertisements'.

The Greek Orthodox Church in the Western Hemisphere now has 380 parishes and this has produced a shortage of priests. To avoid 'importing' priests from Greece and to stimulate the increase in native Americans to serve in the priesthood, the Seminary was instituted some years ago. Besides being supported by individual contributions, the Archdiocese contributes $9,000 monthly to the School.(Unfortunately, this is only about 30% of the needed funds) The Archdiocese raises its funds largely from an annual tax (Decadollarion) of $10 per family of each and every one of the 380 parishes of its jurisdiction. - ED.

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MER PARISHES CALLED 'OFF-LIMITS' FOR PASTOR. Once a pastor leaves ish, he should consider it 'off-limits' for the future, Dr. Charles M. Cooper, pres- of Pennsylvania Synod of the United Lutheran Church, said at a meeting of the d.

ld pastors that none of them should ever return to their former pastorates except e express invitation of, or with permission of, his successor. He said violations had called to his attention and that they constituted a violation of professional ethics.

Cooper said that most violations occured when former pastors were invited to ate at funerals and weddings of families who knew them well during their former rate. All such invitations, he said, should be refused, except they originate with urrent pastor. He added, however, that social calls from such old friends should lowed, providing the friends visited the pastor in his new area - that the pastor d not visit them.

The early Christian Church held Ecumenical and Local Councils that defined this very point of interference by one clergy in the parish of another. They decreed hat no clergy might enter the juridiction of another without specific permission of the bishop of the area. Study by the Lutheran Synod of the Canons of the Seven Ecumenical Councils might be beneficial in enlarging their Constitution where needed, to meet just such occurrences. - ED.

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DAY SHOPPERS 'GUILTY OF GRAVE SIN'. Persons who patronize or visit any s on Sunday are 'guilty of grave sin', to the extent of their part in thus doing unnec- ry work on the Sabbath. The warning was issued in a pastoral letter by Roman Catholic op George J. Rehring, Toldeo,O.

mmenting on this, one businessman said that once Jesus went thru the corn fields on abbath, with his disciples, plucking and eating the corn. For this,He was accused of what was unnecessary on the Sabbath. His answer was: 'The Sabbath was made for and not Man for the Sabbath'.....'Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sab- . His accusers, as Scripture states, were then 'filled with madness' and communed w they might avenge themselves on this transgressor.

The Seventh Day Adventist Church, as well as the Hebrew Faith, both proclaim that Saturday is the Sabbath, not Sunday. This is based on tradition. The 'no-work'clause derives it authority from Exodus 20:10: 'The seventh day is the Sabbath....in it,thou shalt not do any work....' - ED.

METHODISTS & EPISCOPALIANS MAP PLANS FOR INTERCOMMUNION. Unity Commissions of the Methodist Church and Protestant Episcopal Church have drawn up tentative suggestions for eventual intercommunion. Agreement regarding views of Holy Scripture, the Apostle's Creed, the Nicene Creed, Baptism, Holy Communion, and the Ministry were reached.

These results of recent joint meetings were revealed in a statement by Bishop Newell of N.Y.(Methodist) and Bishop Gibson,Jr. of Virginia (Episcopal). They said no definite action would be asked at the next general conventions of either Church, but that progress reports would be made. (The Episcopal General Convention will be held in Miami,Fla. in October - the Methodist General Conference meeting in Denver,Colo., in April,1960).

Intercommunion between the two Churches presupposes the possession by each of an ordained clergy, which would maintain the historic threefold ministry of bishop-priest-deacon. While Confirmation would be maintained as a normal practice in the individual bodies, members of either Church would be welcome to enter the other to receive Holy Communion. This does not mean 'organic union', but it could, of course, be the prelude to such a step.

- Discussions between these two groups have been going on since 1942. - ED.

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NUN'S GARB DANGEROUS FOR SAFE-DRIVING. The Catholic Free Press, official paper of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester, Mass., declared nun's head-gear to be 'so unsuited for complete vision as to be dangerous to the Sisters themselves and other drivers'.....'If a community wishes to participate directly in the mechanics of the 20th century, it is thoughtless and often dangerous to do so'.....in middle ages garb.

This editorial statement was prompted by a recent accident in which the lives of three Sisters were lost. The coroner, Hartford,Conn. fixed the direct blame on the nuns.. Reason: they were blinded by their own headgear. The coroner also advised the State Dep't. of Motor Vehicles to exercise careful judgement in handing out driver's licenses to individual operators who wear hazardous headgear.

The Catholic Free Press said: 'the coroner has solid backing in his position from Pope Pius XII, who has repeatedly urged the religious habit be adapted to the need of time and circumstance'.

- Superiors of all Orders should take this recommendation to heart and make a compromise with modern eras, if for no other reason than the safety of the general public - occupants of two other cars were hospitalized by the nun's car that was the cause of the terrible accident. - ED.

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GREEK ARCHDIOCESE 'HOME FOR AGED' PLANNED FOR AUTUMN. His Grace, Bishop Ezekiel, and the Board of Trustees of the Greek Archdiocese Welfare Foundation have announced that the new home for the aged is expected to be under construction this coming Fall.

The site, Army Trail Road and Lombard (Chicago,Ill.), consists of 46½ acres and cost a total of $78,500. The architectural contract will be awarded shortly.

Bishop Ezekiel had previously announced that construction would commence in 1958 and that anticipation is now being fulfilled. A balance in the Welfare Treasury of $100,000, plus an additional pledge of $100,000 will give impetus to the structure, altho the final building will cost far more than this. Additional contribution are expected to rapidly swell this Fund.

- Hundreds of aged will find a home in this project. Interested individuals may write to: Greek Archdiocese Welfare Foundation 1549 N. Astor Street, Chicago,Ill.-ED.

RCH ARCHITECTS NEGLECTFUL OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION. This
ge was delivered by Horatio Bond, chief engineer of the National Fire Protection
n. He said there would be considerably fewer church fires if architects would try
ovide 'really adequate' fire protection and not make it just a 'frill'.

rch committees look to the architect as an expert.....if he fails to recommend some
em of fire protection as an essential part of the building plans, the church will remain
otected', said the engineer. He merely amplifed the fact most church committees do
ven know if they have fire protection, structurally or otherwise.

g hollow beams and hidden spaces between the inside and outside walls as the 'worst
raps', he recommended that such spaces be avoided by all new churches. He said
a sprinkler system was the best insurance against fire, as it was on guard 24 hours
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costliest church of last year was the First Methodist Church in Syracuse,N.Y. which
ed damage estimated at $985,000.

Bond concluded by pointing out that most rashes of church fires occurred in extrem-
old weather, when heating units were being overtaxed. In this case, he said, the fire
started adjacent to a heating unit; reason:- nearby walls often are not fire-retarded.

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IELANGELO'S 'HAND OF GOD' APPEARING ON U.S. POSTAGE STAMP. The
d of God Creating Man', as depicted by Michelangelo in his great masterpiece,that
a prominent place in the central panel of the Sistine Chapel in the
an, is appearing on a U.S. postage stamp commemorating the International Geophy-
Year.

3¢ stamp will be issued May 31st at Chicago,Ill. to mark the international coopera-
n scientific research in which the U.S. is participating. In the background will be
otograph of the disc of the sun showing an intense flare of solar activity. Superimposed
e the sun will be the Arm and Hand of God.

ne Metzl, N.Y. City artist, who designed the stamp, said: 'In the confines of a postage
p...man's wonder at the unknown is pictured, together with his determination to under-
d it - his need for spiritual inspiration to further his knowledge'. His design is the
of similar IGY stamps appearing in other nations, with varying themes, that carries
igious motif -

Michelangelo Buonarroti painted the world-famous frescoes between 1508 and 1512,
while a prisoner of Pope Julius II. The frescoes were executed while he laid on his
back on a scaffolding. This is the first time any of the Vatican's art treasures have
been depicted, even partially, on a U.S. stamp. - ED.

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,642 SCRIPTURES DISTRIBUTED BY BIBLE SOCIETY LAST YEAR. Sixty
ries and 271 languages found themselves represented in the 1957 distribution of Holy
ture by the American Bible Society. This was reported at the Society's 142nd Annual
ing in Phila. Penna.

the end of 1957, the Society had published Scripture portions in 1,127 languages. Over
00,000 volumes of Scriptures have been distributed during the first 141 years of the
ty's existence.

A remarkable history for a non-denominational, charitable group. - ED.

ROMAN PRIEST HINTS THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE 'SAVIOUR'. The Very Rev. R.J. Slavin, O.P., president of Providence College, Roman Catholic institution, said there may very well be life on other planets. He said there could also have been a 'first man', similar to Adam, on another planet, 'who obeyed God's laws and therefore did not need redemption'. If, however, he did 'sin'.....'Christ could have assumed this nature, even as He has assumed our nature thru the Incarnation, and thus redeemed this race of people'.

● According to declared Christian theology, the good Father is somewhat in error and in danger of contravening his own church's dogmas. Christ Jesus was Incarnate for the Salvation of all Mankind. By the division of Mankind into varying types of Man, according to varying planets, the priest not only splits the concept of Creation,but he also splits Christ Jesus into a prism of manifestations. Arius and Nestorius and many others took stands such as this and were condemned not only by the Ecumenical Councils, but also by the Popes of Rome. - ED.

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GREEK CHURCH TO BE CONSECRATED JUNE lst. Hammond, Indiana will be the scene of the consecration of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church on June lst, Bishop of Chicago, Rt.Rev. Ezekiel, officiating. The pastor of the church, the Rev.Father L.T. Greanias has prepared an elaborate three day celebration leading up the culmination of the consecration itself.

Memorial Vesper Services, with all Orthodox Priests of the area participating, will be hel 7 P.M. on May 30th, at Elmwood Cemetery. Saturday, May 3lst, the Great Vespers will be held in the evening, with the Bishop and clergy of the Chicago area participating. (Note: It is during this service that the various sacred things are made ready for the actual church consecration, scheduled for the following day.)

Sunday, June lst, will see the actual consecration with Bishop Ezekiel sanctifying the Holy Tables and church building, as a whole. (Note: The consecration of a church is generally performed only when all indebtedness has been wiped away. In the case of St. Demetrios, the actual mortgage will have been paid off by October 26th,1958, at which time the 'burnin of the mortgage' will take place.)

● St.Demetrios Church was opened for use in 1952; after the completion of the payment c the mortgage, additional projects have been planned: the interior decoration of the ch construction of additional physical facilities for expanding needs. To accomplish this, General Assembly of the parish has already given authorization for the appointing of a building plan committee to make a study of these needs. - ED.

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UKRAINIAN PARISH BECOMES LEADER IN 'AMERICANIZATION' MOVEMENT. The Church of the Holy Resurrection, 675 East 183rd Street, N.Y.C., formerly composed only o Ukrainian membership, has opened its doors to all Orthodox, regardless of national origin.

Newly appointed pastor of the Parish, the Reverend Father George J. Owen, made the anno ment as a result of a discussion with the trustees. In addition to this change in the history the local church, the pastor also announced that facilities were being made available to rec both men and women into a lay religious order. Father Owen said that facilities were imm ly available for at least six men and applications would be processed as received.

The present congregation of the church is made-up of Ukrainians, Hungarians, Poles, Itali and Spanish. At present, two celebrations of the Divine Liturgy are being held: one in Engl at 9:00 A.M. and the other in Slavonic at 10:00 A.M. (Sundays). Father Owen is able to per Services in English-Spanish-Slavonic-Arabic, and recently performed a marriage service Spanish, between a Greek and Spanish couple.

The church building, located in the Bronx(N.Y.), has a three-story rectory, as well as a la

beneath the church proper. The interior of the church is noted for its beauty and excell-reatment of icon presentation.

The pastor, who has been correspondence secretary for His Grace Bishop Bohdan, Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America, under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, was one of the pioneer workers in the development of the Mexican Orthodox Churches in Dallas, Texas. - ED.

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ANIAN ORTHODOX PRIEST DELIVERS INVOCATION IN U.S. SENATE. Reverend er F.M. Galdau, rector of St. Dimitri Rumanian Orthodox Church of New York, served as t chaplain,in the U.S. Senate, on the anniversary of the observance of Rumania's indepen-e day. The Senate has a policy of inviting Iron Curtain country' clergy to deliver prayers iberation of their peoples.

er Guldau delivered a prayer that stressed the 'tyranny of the godless ones'.

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TERN ORTHODOX, PROTESTANT AND JEWISH LEADERS TO VISIT RUSSIA. religious leaders will leave May 27th for a visit to Russia, Europe and the Middle . They plan to confer with church and political officials on problems affecting ious groups thruout the world.

National Conference of Christians and Jews are sponsoring this first attempt at an faith team in trans-Atlantic problems.

five members of the team are: Rev.Dean Leonidas C. Contos of St. Sophia Greek odox Cathedral of Los Angeles; Dr. John S. Bonnell of the Fifth Avenue Presbyter-Church of N.Y.; Dr. Samuel L. Gandy of Dillard University, New Orleans; Rabbi g Lehrman of Temple Emanuel-El, Miami Beach; Roy. J. McCorkel, director of NCCJ's Commission of Religious Organizations.

team has been deliberately kept small in order to encourage an intimate exchange eas between American and foreign leaders. The team is expected to obtain author-ve viewpoints on the relationship between politics and morality on world issues.

rary of the group includes Moscow, London, Prague, Vienna, Istanbul, Belgrade, pest, Rome, Geneva, Paris and cities in Egypt and Israel.

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LTH REGULATION IN KANSAS AFFECTS COMMUNION CUP. Revival of a ear old health regulation banning the use of the common drinking cup has created nflict between the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Kansas and the State Board of th.

Board has ruled that the common chalice, used in Holy Communion, 'comes within rohibition of the common cup'. Bishop Goodrich R. Fenner of Kansas declared liocese would 'take no notice'of the ruling.....he amplified this by explaining any change in practice would have to stem from action by the National Church.

Ewan Wright, Episcopalian, director of the State Board's food and drug division, that the Bishops have authority to permit the clergy to administer Communion by ction'. He said 'intinction' was a 'completely sanitary method', as it involved lipping of bread into the chalice, instead of drinking wine from the common cup.

U.S. - VATICAN STUDY TO BE CONTINUED. A comprehensive study of U.S.-Vatican diplomatic relations will be continued under a grant from the Fund for the Republi Cornell University announced.

The grant will enable Alan F. Westin, ass't. professor of government at the University, to gather material from the Archives of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith and have further interviews with Washington D.C. officials on the subject. It will also give him an opportunity to do research at the Truman Library in Independence, Mo., and to complete the 2nd volume of the work he started in 1951.

- The study covers the historical development of the diplomatic relations of the U.S. with the Vatican, from Benjamin Franklin in 1783 up to the present. It deals with the constitutional, political and foreign policy aspects of this country's philosophy and actions relating to the Vatican. - ED.

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TOYNBEE DECLARES CHRISTIANS MORE PREJUDICED THAN ASIANS. Two of the religions of Asia: Buddhism and Hinduism, traditionally display more tolerance toward minorities than either Christianity or Judaism, declared Dr. Arnold J. Toynbee, famed British historian, in a lecture delivered at Duke University.

He said that the two Asian religions had not demonstrated 'the pronounced exclusiveness and fanaticism shown by Christianity and Judaism'.

Dr. Toynbee also declared that a 'spiritual vacuum, worldwide' was the result of the recession of the historic religions. This 'spiritual vacuum' has materialized three competing ideologies, which are vying for public acceptance.....these are: - Nationalism, liberal democracy as practiced in the U.S., and Communism. He said that while all three of these systems have aspects similar to historic religious practices, they attempt to satisfy men's needs only on 'the surface of life'.

All three systems follow practices paralleled in the Christian and Jewish religions. As an example, he pointed out Communism as having 'a chosen people - the proletariat - and a Messiah, Marx'. Communism, he explained, also feels 'the mission to convert the world just as Christianity does.

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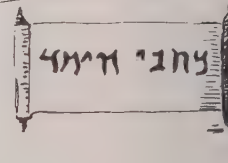

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June 1958

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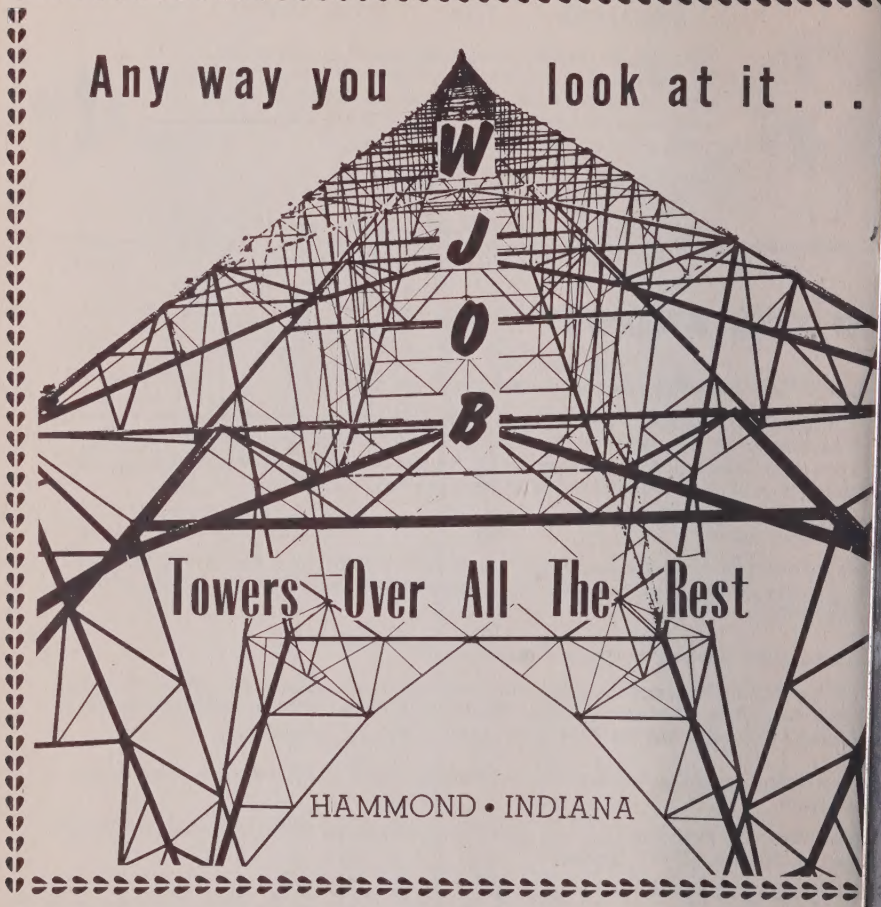

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